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Society's Conservative Set Meets at Dinner Parties

Young Element and Its Followers a Thousand Strong, on the Other Hand, Fill the Foreground With

T Christmas, as usual, society reaches the apex of its city season the stage, but with their parents, particularly their mothers, emerging from a background within which, with customary traditional social diplomacy, they have remained as a part of their duty to the proper

But that background, in front of which the young set has danced one day into another for nearly eight hectic weeks, has been a distinguishing feature of the first half of the season with its unprecedented number of

York society maintains its boundaries, which still are clearly defined Under the old regime, before society as it is known to-day had expanded into a composite of interweaving circles, the parents of a small portion

And that commendable conspiracy to maintain an excellent social tradition has been carried on in a pronounced manner, while society in the aggregate has been whirling about in the foreground. Scores of those

An example of modern broad hospitality that centers about the debutant: was the ball Mr. and Mrs. Payne Whitney gave in the Plaza Hotel last Tuesday to introduce their daughter. Miss Joan Whitney. Even the largest of homes is not equal to the proportions of a typical present day ball for a debutante. To meet the outer boundaries of her daughter's list of friends Mr. and Mrs. Whitney had to take an entire ballroom floor of a hotel as well as the restaurant usually set aside for the public.

And yet that ball, with its attendance of fully a thousand persons, was given

Hociety at Christmas Reaches Apex of the Beason

Dances, Suppers and Breakfasts. with the debutantes still holding by courtesy the foreground of

upbringing of the younger fashionable generation.

It is through its dinners that the more conservative element of New of to-day's debutantes and young men of their group formed the fashionable young set of their period, and that was less than twenty years ago.

The immense body of men and women of New York who have bec inoculated with the rage du monde and possess the power to express their social inclinations has expanded to its present proportions within a decade but moving back of it and through it, observing this natural social expan sion in a community of seven millions of persons, is that conservative element, a sort of club within a club, that keeps intact its circle through the one form of entertainment that can be governed. That is the dinner party or the small house dance.

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intimate dinners in homes of persons who have inherited their social status have been given since the early weeks of November and will continue to be given through the first month of the new year.

Those intimate assemblies have brought together as many as forty guests. The average dinner party has been for sixteen, and it is an odd phase of modern life in society that the younger members of those families often move in a circle that takes state of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Church will give one in the Plaza Hotel ast These commonly heard verbal expression. It is aloughly maintained limitations. The commonly heard verbal expression of the hostess is open.

So with the expansion of rociety has come into vogue the necessity of a new form of social sagacity.

Ball Held for Debut

Of Miss Joan Whitney

An example of modern broad hospitality that centers about the debutants was the ball Mr. and Mrs. Payne Whitney yave in the Plaza Hotel last Tues.

The formany bouquets received by the debutante had come from Virginia, the native State of Mr. Barney.

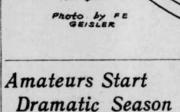
Some new cards are out for January 2 Mrs. Robert Waller will give a dance in the Ritz-Carlton for her grand-nice, Miss and Mrs. Charles T. Church will give one in the Plaza Hotel last Tues.

Church, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederic E. Church. That night Mr. John Achells, in Sherry's and afterward will take his guests to a theater. Later they will go to the dances of the night.

New York society has its character-istics and the first few weeks of a winter season develops them. In strong points this season is holding its own against the best of individuality past wears have put forth. What the young women are exhibiting in the way of originality, whether in amateur drawatics, in the encouragement of good music or even in the publishing business, is the product of the utilitarian age that has inspired Mrs. Danlel F. Murphy, a daughter of the late of the publishing and Barnard students.

'Debutante Calendar'

the publishing field has to do with the first issue of the Debutante Calendar, the January number of which has just come from the press. The monthly is purely a debutante production under the purely and the production of the purely and supervision of some of their older as- Johnson; Mrs. Drelincourt M. Martin fully a thousand persons, was given a suggestion of the private house sociates. All are members of the Junior and Messrs. Henry Clapp Smith, Kennee, such as is to come with the League, although the league itself is not neth M. Murchison and Philip Kobbe,



Why Divorce' Presented by Comedy Club-'Ready Made' for Junior League.

in Own New Plays

Comedy Club started their an Issued Monthly formances a week ago with three per-Reference to the amateur invasion of formances of a new play by Mr. Jesse



MISS SYLVIA G VAN RENSSELAER A DEBUTANTE of TWO SEASONS AGO WHO IS ACTIVE IN SOCIETY THIS

MISS LOUISA STEEDMAN

WILSON. DEBUTATITE

Gala Christmas Week for Debutante Group of Society

Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt 2d, to Give Dinner and Dance To-morrow Night for Her Daughter, Miss Muriel Vanderbilt.

THERE has not been such a season of concentrated gayety
since before the world war as
that began with the days preceding
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MARGARET CLARK MACMILLIN DEBUTANTE DAUGHTER

the feast of Christmas, each day and night being filled with entertainments not only for debutantes but also for their elders.

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